

Iowa's Group Care Program

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What is the purpose of group care?

- Group care provides 24-hour temporary care, structure and treatment services for children and youth that cannot be served in a family setting.

How many youth are served in group care?

Fiscal Year	Average Daily Population
FY 2002	1,180
FY 2003	997
FY 2004 Projection	1,035

What's the profile of children in group care?

(Based on children in care 12-30-03)

- Gender: 38% are female, 62% male
- Age
 - 6 – 10 years: 4%
 - 11 – 15 years: 55%
 - 16 – 18 years: 40%
- Race/ethnicity
 - White: 73%
 - Black: 11%
 - Hispanic: 4%
 - American Indian/Alaskan: 2%
 - Asian/Pacific Islander: 2%

Profile of children in group care continued

(Based on children in care 12-30-03)

- Referral source
 - DHS: 53%
 - Juvenile Court Services: 47%
- Number of prior placements:
 - None: 52%
 - One: 19%
 - 2 – 5: 23%
 - 6 or more: 6%

How long are youth placed in group care?

(Based on children in care 12-30-03)

Length of Time	Percentage of Youth
Less than 1 year	50%
1 – 2 years	10%
2 – 3 years	5%
3 – 4 years	2%
4 or more years	4%

How many youth are in group care out-of-state?

Time Period	Number of Youth
FY 2003 monthly average	50
FY 2004 year-to-date monthly average	46
December 2003	57

How many youth are on group care waiting list?

Time Period	Number of Youth
FY 2003 average	120
FY 2004 year-to-date average	191
February 1, 2004	195

How many group care providers are there?

(as of 2-1-04)

Number of licensed group care providers	23
Number of licensed facilities/sites	87
Number of licensed group care beds	1,342

How much does Iowa spend on group care?

Fiscal Year	Total Expenditures	Average Daily Cost
FY 2002	\$51.4 million	\$119.09
FY 2003	\$44.2 million	\$122.29
FY 2004 projection	\$47 million	\$124.50